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GROUP OF 77 CONSULTATIONS

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1. GROUP B AND GROUP OF 77 STARTED INTRA-GROUP CONSULTATIONS DEC. 5 (SEE REFTEL FOR GROUP B CONSULTATIONS) IN ORDER DRAFT GROUP POSITIONS ON DECLARATIONS AND PLANS OF ACTION FOR UNIDO-II. WE UNDERSTAND GROUP D (SOCIALISTS) WILL SIMPLY GO ALONG WITH SOVIET POSITION STATED IN "MEMORANDUM OF SOVIET DELEGATION TO SECOND UNIDO GENERAL CONFERENCE" DISTRIBUTED TO PC-V RATHER THAN SUBMIT DRAFT DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION.

2. GRUP OF 77 REPRESENTED BY 55 COUNTRIES, TEN OF WHICH AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. PRESIDENT OF G-77 IS
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ZAIRIAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE TADI LEWA, WHO REQUESTED

ON DEC. 9 SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH UK, FRG AND US REPS FOR INITIAL, INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. WHILE THESE MEETINGS WERE CONFINED TO GENERALITIES, THEY GAVE US OPPORTUNITY TO STATE WE ARE READY FOR FRUITFUL DIALOGUE WITH G-77 BUT THAT SUCH DIALOGUE IN OUR VIEW MUST BE REALISTIC AND DEVOID OF POLITICAL POLEMICS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM MANY LDC REPS THAT G-77 DRAFTING OF DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION HAS PROGRESSED SLOWLY AND WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY. MAJOR PROBLEM, AS ANTICIPATED, WAS TO GET AGREEMENT ON BASIC WORKING TEXT GIVEN FACT THEY HAD THREE MAJOR PAPERS EMANATING FROM REGIONAL CONFERENCES. G-77 CREATED SEPARATE DRAFTING GROUPS FOR DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION. WE UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON BASIS OF DOCUMENT PREPARED BY G-77 REPORTEUR. WE ALSO LEARNED THAT UNIDO SECRETARIAT HAD CONFIDENTIALLY PROVIDED G-77 WITH WORKING DOCUMENT. SOME GROUP B MEMBERS WONDERED WHETHER SUCH DOCUMENT WAS SOLICITED BY G-77 OR WAS SECRETARIAT INITIATIVE IN WHICH CASE PROTEST WOULD SEEM IN ORDER AS DOCUMENT WAS NOT DISTRIBUTED TO ALL DELEGATIONS. HOWEVER, IT AGREED BY GROUP B NOT TO PURSUE MATTER, AT LEAST FOR PRESENT.

4. GROUP B PAPER (REFTEL) MADE AVAILABLE TO G-77
DEC. 8. WE MADE CLEAR TO G-77 PRESIDENT THAT GROUP B STANDS READY TO CONSULT WITH G-77 AS SOON AS THEY ARE READY, HOPEFULLY COMMENCING DEC. 11 WHEN PC-V RESUMES. WE WOULD HOPE FACILITATE SUCH PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS VIA MECHANISM OF CONTACT GROUP.

5. WE HAVE JUST SEEN G-77 DECLARATION AND PLAN WHICH NOT YET DISCUSSED IN G-77 PLENARY. DOCUMENT IS HIGHLY POLEMIC AND UNSATISFACTORY FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW. WE SHALL HAVE DIFFICULT TIME STARTING ANY KIND OF MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH G-77 ON BASIS THIS DOCUMENT, BUT WE ARE TALKING TO SYMPATHETIC DELEGATIONS IN HOPE THAT DOCUMENT CAN BE TONED DOWN IN G-77 PLENARY. STIBRAVY

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